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The RCE filed on April 05, 2007 is proper and has been entered. However, the amendment filed on April 05, 2007 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the examined claims (now cancelled) are directed to a computer-readable with instructions for a hardware/software interface system comprising a base schema and manipulate a plurality of discrete units of information. While, the new claims are directed to a distinct invention such as a computer implemented method comprising storing data for one or more applications in a repository. Applicants cannot file an RCE to obtain continued examination on the basis of claims that are independent and distinct from the claims previously claimed and examined as a matter of right (i.e., applicant cannot switch inventions). See 37 CFR 1.145.

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